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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Withdrawal of restrictions against fruit ports provided with Service inspectors except Bocas del Toro and Port Limon.

MOBILE, ALA., October 17, 1901.

SIR: I beg to advise you that this board has withdrawn restrictions against passengers from all fruit ports at which Service inspectors are stationed, with exceptions of Bocas del Toro and Port Limon.

Respectfully,

HENRY GOLDTHWAITE,
Health and Executive Officer.

Yellow fever in Yucatan.

MOBILE, ALA., October 17, 1901.

SIR: For your information I beg to quote from a letter from our marine medical inspector on steamship *Normandie*, under date of 15th instant:

"I beg leave to report that from information gathered from sources which I consider reliable, yellow fever, to a degree greater than customary, is prevailing throughout Yucatan, and is now considered epidemic where before it was considered endemic—MERIDA.

"I was informed that this disease prevailing among the Yucatan Indians has been contracted by the Mexican troops sent to fight them, and in that way spread afar; that the Government can not fight its introduction into new loci because of the lack of railroad facilities, but that Progreso was safe.

"This information as to the spread of yellow fever was confirmed by the U. S. Marine-Hospital Service representative there, who added that the number of cases actually occurring at Progreso was not known, as the deaths only were reported."

Respectfully,

HENRY GOLDTHWAITE,
Health and Executive Officer.

Smallpox in Pennsylvania from August 27 to October 16, 1901.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., October 16, 1901.

SIR: Since my last report (August 27, 1901) smallpox has been reported in Pennsylvania as follows: Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, 135 cases, 18 deaths; Pottsville, Schuylkill County, 9 cases; Chester, Delaware County, 53 cases, 4 deaths; Erie, Erie County, 3 cases; New Castle, Lawrence County, 3 cases; Forksville, Sullivan County, 3 cases; Lebanon, Lebanon County, 22 cases; Shenandoah, Schuylkill County, 1 case; Tamaqua, Schuylkill County, 1 case;

Luzerne, Luzerne County, 1 case; Springtown, Bucks County, 10 cases; North Lebanon Township, Lebanon County, 1 case. Total, 242 cases and 22 deaths.

Respectfully,

BENJAMIN LEE, M. D.,
Secretary.

Arrival at Reedy Island Quarantine of vessels from West Indian and Mexican ports.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., October 13, 1901.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware River and Bay, I have the honor to report the arrival at this station of the following vessels: October 6, 1901, Norwegian steamship *Helga*, from Castries, via Santiago de Cuba, with ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf. October 10, British steamship *Mexicano*, from Tampico, in ballast; no passengers; bill of health signed by Acting Assistant Surgeon Gregory.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Arrival at Baltimore of vessels from South American and West Indian ports.

BALTIMORE, MD., *October 19, 1901.*

SIR: I have to report the arrival at this port of the following-named vessels, from the ports named, for the week ended this day: October 14, British steamship *Croydon*, from Mollundo, Peru, cargo general. October 15, British steamship *Alabama*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, with ore. October 19, Norwegian steamship *Tyr*, from Daiquiri, Cuba, with ore.

Respectfully,

WM. F. STONE,
Collector.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., October 12, 1901.—Inspection service.—I have the honor to transmit herewith the summary of transactions at this station for the week ended October 12, 1901: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 135; inspection special passengers from City of Mexico, 16; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 21; inspection of immigrants, 121; disinfection of blankets, trunks, etc., 76; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry, 418 pieces; disinfection of Pullman soiled linen, 2,666 pieces; detained 1 passenger from Tampico four days, having no certificate from medical officers stationed there.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Los Angeles.*—Month of September, 1901. Census population, 102,479. Total number of deaths, 147, including enteric fever, 2, and 37 from tuberculosis.

Oakland.—Month of September, 1901. Estimated population, 75,000. Total number of deaths, 71, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 1, and 3 from tuberculosis.

Sacramento.—Month of September, 1901. Estimated population, 30,000. Total number of deaths, 31, including enteric fever, 1, and 6 from phthisis pulmonalis.

San Francisco.—Month of August, 1901. Estimated population,